

## Abstract of the Disclosure

### INVERTER

An inverter has a measuring part that measures an operating time such as the time  
5 interval from when a command to start a specified operation by an associated system  
until a signal indicating the completion of the operation is received. A comparing part  
compares this measured operating time with a threshold value stored in a memory and an  
abnormal condition is reported to a host system, depending on the result of the  
comparison.

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